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DID ANYBODY OMIT to send to Leo a calendar for 1888?

SPEAKING OF New York state under Governor Hill, the empire is politics.

EVERY WOMAN must have a pet, and if she can't get a man she must have a cat or dog.

THE JUDGE has already entered into several contracts as a result of leap year, but what can a poor man do?

WILL MR. CLEVELAND be known in history principally as Mrs. Cleveland's husband?

DEACON WHITE had better call in that old slouch hat; otherwise he may some day be mistaken for William M. Evarts.

THERE IS a proposition to give the surplus to the heathen. It comes from women. Ah, what practical persons those women are!

GENERAL CLINTON B. FISK, according to the *Voice*, is loaded. We had hoped that this excessive dissipation would cease with the close of the holidays.

MR. JOHN L. SULLIVAN is said to be becoming as much an Englishman as if he represented the United States at the court of St. James; but that is hardly possible—he doesn't know how to eat.

THE KELLYS of No-man's land have taken the place in history of the Benders of Kansas; but we have the consolation of knowing that the Kellys have for the most part been killed.

THERE MUST be less rawhiding of young men by young women. Sometimes the punishment is not deserved, but the man is always helpless. For the innocent youth thus tortured there is no reparation unless the girl marries him, and the girl will never make that confession of mistake.

IT WILL BE a tariff year, and likewise and by that token the best year Mr. Blaine ever saw.

SOMEONE says the Buffalo *Express* is edited by the devil. It is a pretty tough case, judging from the political symptoms; but we'll venture five dollars against it, anyhow.

TO MR. GLADSTONE—A happy and a successful year to you, old fellow; and if anybody hits you with a snowball hereafter our artists will put him in a cartoon and ruin him forever.

A REPORTER has visited Rome to find that Jacob Sharp is a good and an honest man. He is perhaps a conscientious reporter; but he found it necessary when in Rome to think as Romans think.

IT IS GIVEN out with emphasis that all the prohibitionists want is to hurt the Republican party. Heretofore those gentlemen have contented themselves with ginger-pop lies to the opposite effect.

ABRAM HEWITT is a very powerful man. When he gets through destroying the knights of labor will he kindly pull down the gates of hades?

BOUND TO WIN.

MISTER GRIEVELEY—"I see yoh hed luck to der raff'l, Clarence?"
CLARENCE—"Umph!"
MISTER GRIEVELEY—"Whadjer shake?"
CLARENCE—"On'y two farves fust off; but when Clem Haight shuk t'ree sixes I shuk de lock off'n de back do'h, 'n' took de turkey."

GOVERNOR HILL, GOOD-BYE!

Language, according to the late Mr. Talleyrand, was created for the concealment of ideas. Our little governor goes that several better, and omits the language as well as the suggestion. He has been proclaimed as the great Democratic force in politics—a fighting man, an aggressor, a knight of principle, with visor down and battle-axe in hand; yet he has not a word to say on any question which interests the nation, and in every national respect he is a skulker, lacking even the courage of a bushwhacker and minus a banner and a plume. It is sad that men on whose promise so much is centered should be so utterly disappointing. It is the old Democratic cowardice, and in comparison with it the courage of Mr. Cleveland is a majestic revelation of power, not to say of good political management. It is little to say "I am a Democrat." Where, thou little wretch! are the documents to show for it? The JUDGE has said that Mr. Cleveland has made Mr. Blaine the next president. It was a courageous, manly, patriotic thing to do. Governor Hill has made it inevitable that Grover Cleveland is the man to be licked by Mr. Blaine, and that is so cowardly as to be contemptible. There is no redemption for a coward in these days. Mark you that, David! and good-bye.

"ORGANIZE FOR HONESTY," says the Buffalo *Express*. Good gracious! what's honesty?

THERE IS really talk about nominating Mayor Hewitt for president, though there is not a Democrat in New York who doesn't look upon and frequently mention him as a fussy granny.

TO LEO.

The JUDGE'S present to Pope Leo on his golden jubilee was an elegantly bound copy of the proceedings of the fathers of this city for the last five years. If there is anything in the constitution of the United States, presented by President Cleveland, calculated to make his holiness unduly proud, he will find the ameliorative penance in this fine record of New York city legislation. The JUDGE'S compliments to his holiness, and may he have golden jubilees galore.

IT MAY BE said of a hatter, however small may be his ambition, that he is generally making himself felt.

TO SADI-CARNOT—May you stay there as long as the republic lives; and really, having survived your election, we believe it will live many years.

CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM is a good thing; but, in the view of Governor Hill, it is not perfect until it devotes itself solely to the ambition of Governor Hill.

HANDS OFF, JAMES!

A paper assumes that Mr. Blaine will insist on naming Mr. Sherman in case he doesn't care to run himself. Not much. The people will do the nominating; and though the man will be either Blaine or Sherman, he will not be the latter, good as that man is. Mr. Blaine is out of the preliminary business of this national canvass, and if he doesn't keep his hands off of it he will get his knuckles rapped.

DYSPEPTICS, according to a newspaper heading, "may now take heart." That is not what is needed. What they want is to take stomach.

A CLIMATE that can give us a zero thermometer and within twelve hours a soaking rain fourteen hours long is not to be sneezed at; or, on second thought, perhaps it is.

WE NEVER thought so much of the remark "I am a Democrat" as when the order came removing Commissioners Jay and Richmond.

WISE IN HER GENERATION.

DOROTHY—"Is Mr. Gashley a gentleman, mamma?"
MAMMA—"Why, certainly, dear."
DOROTHY—"I thought a gentleman was one who tried to make everybody feel happy."
MAMMA—"A gentleman usually does."
DOROTHY—"Well, Mr. Gashley don't make me feel happy, for I can't help being miserable when I think how cold his legs must be with that short coat on."

It was as if the governor had written the declaration in gold and crimson on a blue-gray sky.

THE COMING DEMONSTRATION.

"If money cannot control the courts," says the *World*, "it can so delay the course of law as practically to defeat the righteous ends of justice." That is the actual fact, presented with only regretful regard for its truth; and some day New York will see an anti-law riot uglier in its magnitude by far than that in Cincinnati a few years ago.

JIMMY HUSTED is nice, but the speakership was created for the benefit of two or three other persons too.

IT IS POSSIBLE that Governor Hill doesn't know whether he wants to run for president in '88 or not, as his friends say; but it won't do Grover any harm to watch him with both eyes and all his ears.

THE OCCULT IN POLITICS.

Madame Blavatsky has been shown to be a fraud and Colonel Olcott, who attended her to India and still abides with her, a fool. There remains, however, the occult in spiritism—somewhat dilapidated, to be sure, but still capable of mysticism; and there is that theosophic civil-service reform and that horoscopic mugwumpism, against which all the common sense in the world cannot prevail.

TO THE DEAD OF 1887—Gentlemen, we can't remember all your names just at present, and our space is limited; but pray consider your memory honored in bulk, and apply to yourselves as a whole the remark, "We ne'er shall see their like again."

A NEEDED REFORM.

SAMPLER (*leaving Beekman's stag party*)—"Wines, cigars 'n cordials 'r A one; but 'f I had 'stablishment like thish I'd dish'pline my wait'rs not to be s' blamed fresh after tips."

NO PLACE LIKE THAT HOME.

The man from Oneida county always claims a warm personal acquaintance with Mr. Conkling, and is prouder of the place of his birth than of himself. This man recently presented this quotation:

"No pent-up continent contracts our powers;
The whole boundless Utica is ours."

ABOUT HALF RIGHT.

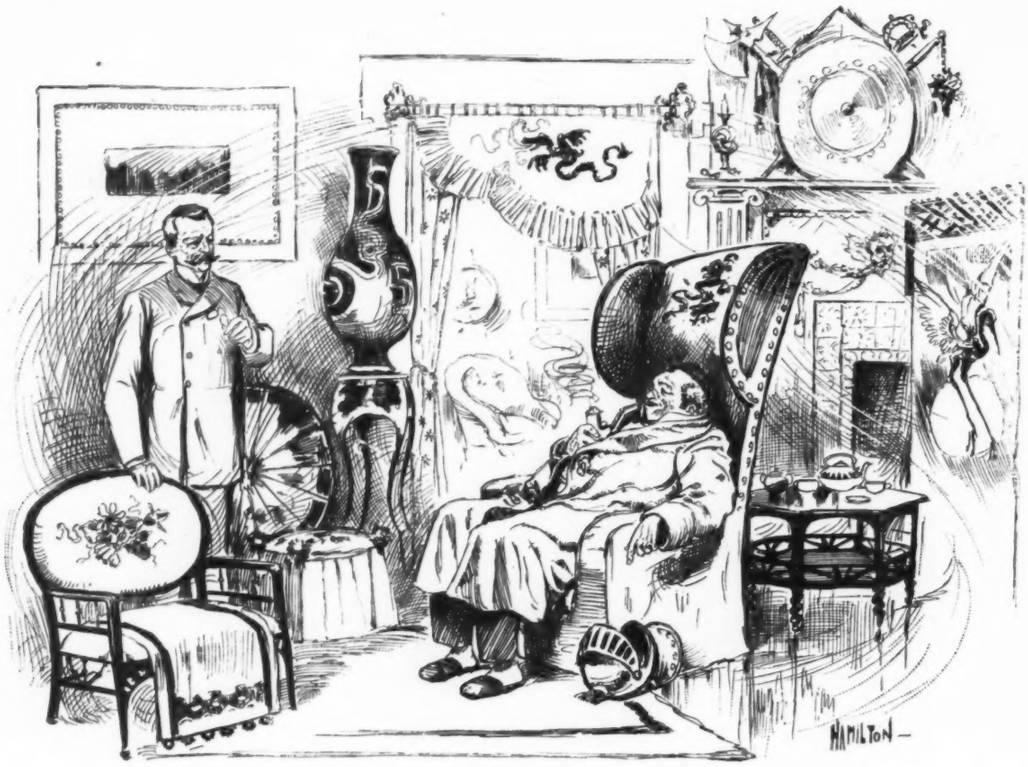
The editor of the Buffalo *News*, who was the first man to nominate Cleveland for president, says civil-service reform is two-thirds humbug and one-third injustice. It strikes us that the combination might be made a fair half-and-half; but the gentleman in question has been treated with such extreme coolness that he can't be expected to regulate his combinations with entire success.

DROP THAT!

Perhaps some day the silly dailies will in their New-year's issues cease giving up pages to the events of the year just gone. Does anybody care for this long review without any practical value, and which is necessarily so brief as to events as to be without value as a sheet for reference? It is an expensive waste of labor and space, and the sheet which has it is good only to roll into a ball and throw at the nearest offensive person. Drop it. Give us the usual medical almanac in preference.

THE JUDGE hastens to nominate Ben Butler as president of No-man's land. It is difficult to say whether the land was made for him or he for the land.

The truth of it—That the governor is a great civil-service reformer in words and a very great Democrat in practice.



DEBASED LUXURY.

Mr. Leuze, the eminent decorator, has finished some bachelor apartments for old Silvergilt, and has called to see that everything is satisfactory.

HIS CLIENT (*between puffs*)—"You've done bully, my boy, all 'cept this dod-gasted cuspidor I found on the mantel. I can't make it stay in one place more'n five minutes at a time."

HUM OF THE COURT.

Colonel Nicholas Smith as best man at a wedding is worth $200 at the very least, and the bride ought to pay it out of gratitude that he isn't the groom.

A young man in Tallahassee, Fla., found himself locked in when he was about to leave his sweetheart at an early hour in the morning, "and," as a local commentator expresses it, "he was darned fool enough to find an outlet through the window."

IN THE SLEEPER.

OBLIGING STRANGER (*from upper berth*)—"I reckon this is your section, sir."

UNCLE EBEN (*sizing him up*)—"You kin have it all ter yerself, friend. I ain't sleepin' with no giants this year."

It should be a part of the common law this year that no woman shall wear a bonnet at church or theatre. Yet the millenium is not here, and woman will be woman until that comes.

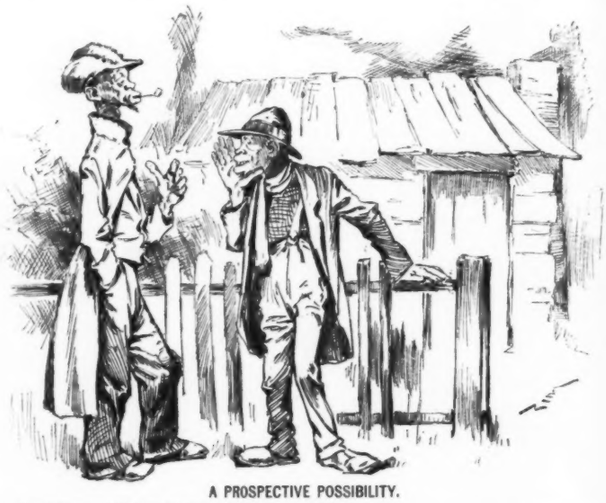
The generosity of the theatre-going public is very large; but there is an impression that the society person who gets on the stage ought to be able to do a little acting. It may, however, be simply the prejudice that meanly expresses itself against the speech-maker who lacks the facility of talk.

Since Henry Irving gave his idea of Mephistopheles half the literary men of the country are searching around for his fifth, or rather his Broadrib.

One of the lovingest of men is Robert Ingersoll; but it must pain him at times to be unable to conscientiously consign an enemy to the dreadful place that he says has no existence.

A convict in Sing Sing prison wrote a Christmas hymn of praise. It strikes us that that convict, judging him from the mere statement, exhibited more of Christmas philosophy than any man out of jail.

"The chief feature of our modern Christmas," writes Henry Guy Carleton, "is the lavish feminine bestowal of home-made knick-knacks upon the head of the house, at an outlay of $3, in return for which are expected a set of diamonds, a fur wrap, two new gowns, several rings and lockets, a basketful of toys and a small but expensive pug dog." It's a mean man who says that, and what a mean thing the truth sometimes is!



A PROSPECTIVE POSSIBILITY.

JEFFERSON—"Going ter have turkey ter-night?"

JOHNSON—"I dunno. I'se not got acquainted well enuff with Mr. Wiggins's bull-dog yet to say for sure."

Phœbe Couzins should not try to be governor. What she wants is somebody else to governor.

The "old-fashioned room" is excellent, provided only that the old-fashioned room has all the modern improvements.

Says the JUDGE—"Henry Watterson says a manlier or more modest gentlemen than Fred Grant does not live, and that the Democrats will make no capital by misrepresenting him. Mr. Watterson will keep on with his gentlemanly treatment of the opposition until he is kicked so far out of the Democratic party that he will never be able to get back to it."

"Well, he's been keeping on with it, please God, these twenty years and more, and he hasn't been kicked out yet, d'ye mind that, JUDGE?"—*Courier-Journal.*

Don't be too bold, Henry - don't be too bold. You go to work and be an out-and-out Christian, my son, and they'll crucify you in two minutes.

OLD CHOCOLATE'S TARGET PRACTICE.

De po' singah allus wants toe sing.

De shrub am a tree in de eye ob de grasshoppah.

Ef mistakes war crimes nun ob us ud be outen jail.

De blacksmif gits strong twell he meddles wid a watch.

De niggah dat steals sees many a constable in 'is sleep.

De mayor's kitchen maid t'inks she am bettah en de wife ob a ildahman.

De high watah dat tickles de millah an' tu'ns 'is w'eels may raise de debbil wid somebody's gahden fudder down de stream.

Yo' kin scold de chile twell de sun goes down an' he doan' care. Hit's de gad dat he 'bjects toe.

De fahmah w'ose lan' am' fitted fo' cawn allus wants toe riz some oddah crop.

All de jew'lry yo' see ain't gol', but hit ud take a expert toe pick out de brass.

Some men make mo' noise a-doin' a day's wuck dan oddahs do in gittin' a fawchune.

De man dat staats out toe git de good will ob eberybody must hiah sumun toe 'tend toe 'is business.

J. A. WALDRON.

HE NEVER SEES PEOPLE.

"Lots of people in town now," observed a man in an elevated train to one in the next seat.

"I don't know; are there?"

"Why, yes, the streets are full of them. Can't you see for yourself?"

"You evidently don't know that I'm a street-car driver with a day off," replied the man softly.

PACKED IN CORK.

"Why is it," asked a man of a fruit-dealer, "that Malaga grapes all come by the way of Ireland?"

"I never heard that they did," answered the fruit-dealer. "They're raised in Malaga."

"Yes, but they're packed in Cork, aren't they?"

TOO SOON.

"What do you think of divorce?" asked some one of a young girl.

"Oh! I don't know. I hadn't thought of getting married yet."

A MAN OF NERVE.

Bagley—"Who is that distinguished looking man ahead of us?"

Gagley—"That's General Swordangun. A very brave soldier who never knew fear."

Bagley—"I can believe you; I just saw him get a two-cent stamp from a druggist without buying a cigar."

A RACE INSULT.

Donohue—"Git out av here, ye dombed brass-jawed pig-tail! We don't sell any whishky to Chinese haythens."

Moriarty—"And are yez afther forgettin' thot Oim one av the late prastes av Barnum's whoite elephant? Shame on ye, Donohue! Have I changed so?"

JOHNNY LOADS GRANDPA'S PIPE WITH PHARAOH'S SERPENTS AND THE OLD GENTLEMAN SWEARS OFF SMOKING.

GRANDPA—"Johnny, fetch me my pipe, will yer? The terbacker's on the table.

"It don't 'pear ter smell so good as it did this morn"—

A CLINCHING ARGUMENT.

"What makes you think the labor party could never govern the country?" asked an agitator.

"Because," replied old Brown in a convincing way, "it can't govern itself."

SO CONSIDERATE.

Uncle James, who is a trifle near, had given his niece a silver watch for her New-year's present.

"I'd have made it a gold one, my dear, but then how much greater the loss if you had been so unfortunate as to have it stolen."

VERY FORTUNATE.

"Yes," said a young Philadelphian; "we have a fine little theatre in our city solely for the use of amateurs."

"That's fortunate for the public," observed his friend.

A THOUGHTFUL PATIENT.

Jones was feeling a little unwell.

"Run quick," he said to his servant, "and bring two doctors."

"Two doctors?"

"Yes, one to correct the mistakes of the other."

A HOPELESS CASE.

Not bad for a professional drunkard:

"Why will you make such a beast of yourself?"

"To drown my cares."

"And you succeed?"

"No; unfortunately they know how to swim."

"Tut! tut! t-tut! W-what's"—

"I've knowed licker to do it, but I didn't 'spect that *weed* was strong enough!"

DISCRETION.

IT was nearing eleven, I think, in the whirl of de Puystener's ball;
Her dress was a gauzy-like pink—'tis strange I remember at all,
For my senses were reeling in maddest delight when I saw her that night.

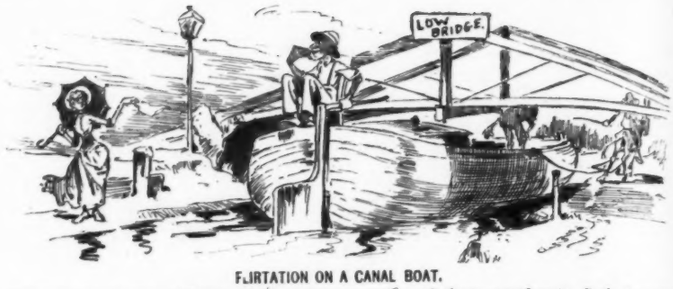
Two dances I had; like a fool I asked for the third, was refused;
Then pouted like some boy at school, and thought myself snubbed and abused.
She danced with a man that I strongly despised; Humph! Some villain disguised!

Then I danced with Miss Hoove, watching keenly the while
My fate's faintest move, slightest gesture or smile;
And I thrilled like a fool when she happened to be dancing near me.

It was rather too plain that I wanted to stay
Always by her, and fain would have others away.
But she did not approve of my neat little plan as she frowned o'er her fan.

Devotion is well to beguile, but honey grows even too sweet.
'Twas well I was cool for a while and withdrew from the goddess's feet.
She (my wife) told me this as we cosily sat in an old married chat.

DUVVA MORGAN SMITH.



FLIRTATION ON A CANAL BOAT.

PILOT OF CANAL BOAT—"There's old Hooper's young wife. Ah there, sweetheart! Gosh, I suppose I'd get it right in the neck if the old man wuz 'round."

The old man wasn't around, but he got it right in the neck just the same.

THERE ARE NO FLIES ON THEM.

Philadelphian—"For the life of me I can't see why so many of you New Yorkers live in flats?"

New Yorker—"Why, just because we're not flats ourselves. Who's boss of your place at home?"

Philadelphian—"Well, that is, when the cook's out—I guess I am."

WHERE TO WEAR IT.

In summer-time it is the proper caper
Within the button-hole to wear the rose;
But in this howling, windy, winter weather,
'Tis quite the fad to wear it on the nose.

TOO TRUE.

When a chap would turn over a leaf
In the pondrous tome of his life,
He finds, on that page, to his grief,
The itemized bills of his wife.

CAREFUL OF HIS REPUTATION.

Hardened criminal—"I wish you'd keep that missionary out of my cell."

Warden—"Why, don't you like him?"

Hardened criminal—"Well, he calls me 'my good man,' and any one who knows me knows I'm a bad man. I can't afford to have my reputation spoiled in this way."

A SUDDEN CHANGE OF MIND.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE—"Bu'sted ag'in. Wall, I'll settle it right now and here."

"Wall, I'm blamed ef this ain't ther third failure I've made. I can't seem ter fetch it nohaow—hello ther! gas's escapin'."

"And ef I don't light out o' this purty tarnal fast I'll be smothered to death!"

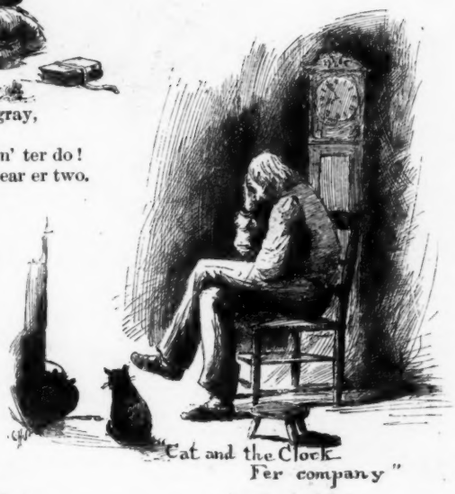
Goin' ter Stick by Father

By F. E. Pratt

GOIN' ter stick by father tell yer purty hair is gray,
Goin' ter stick by father an' never goin' away?
Sendin' the fellers kitin'—so thet's what yer goin' ter do!
Not thet I doubt ye, darlin', but we'll see in a year er two.

Yer on'y fifteen summers; plenty o' time ter grow;
Funny ef them blue eyes o' yourn couldn't bring down a beau.
When Mr. Right comes courtin' (sartin ter be a lot),
Reckon yer pore ole father'll natchelly be fergot.

Then when I see the roses come in yer cheeks an' grow,
An' hear a step in the garden, I'll pull up stakes an' go;
Young folks courts on the quiet—Lord, won't I look a clown



"Cat and the Clock Fer company"

Tryin' ter love my neighbor an' wantin' ter knock him down.

Then, I'll set in the kitchen so's ter be out the way,
Cat an' the clock fer comp'ny, an' nothin' at all ter say;
Fillin' my pipe an' lightin' it all by myself fer once—
Lord, I've set her a-cryin'! I allus knowed I'm a dunce!

Thar, thar, pussy, look chipper; I didn't mean the half!
Don't yer know I'm a foolin'? I jest wanter see ye laugh.
Thet's right. Lord, look at the kittle, a-boilin' over I'll bet!
Ye derned ole fool, stop cryin'! she ain't gonter leave ye yet!

A RAPID CALCULATION.

Salesman—"Yes, sir; I will warrant that one of those lamps will save you at least fifty per cent. in oil in the course of a year."

Long headed farmer—"Give me two on 'em. Mought as well save a hundred per cent. while I'm 'bout it."

HAD SIZED HER UP.

Madame is scolding her cook.

"It really seems impossible now-a-days to get decent help."

"Quite true; and if madame herself were a servant she'd be discharged even quicker nor me."

A SURE THING.

Two young writers were talking of their hopes, their ambitions.

"If I have not made a reputation by the time I'm thirty I shall blow my brains out," asserted one.

"My dear boy," replied the other, "you're as good as dead."

HIS SAD HOURS.

Visitor (to convict)—"I suppose you have many a sad hour within these walls?"

Convict—"Yes, mum; many."

Visitor—"What do you find hardest to bear?"

Convict—"Speculation, mum, on the part of visitors as to whether or not I'm a boodle alderman."

IS THIS WHAT IT S COMING TO?

THEATRE-GOER—"Isn't Mrs. Footlite, the society actress, playing at this theatre?"
ATTENDANT—"You may call it playin', sor, but wid two bill-boord tickets an' the manager's cousin for an aujience las' night, *I* calls it *workin'*."

TOO BAD IN THE OLD MAN.

"Uncle George," said Sue, "may I have a piece of this mahogany veneer?" Uncle George was in the furniture trade.

"Certainly, my dear," replied Uncle George; "you may keep it as a Sue-veneer of your visit."

IT LEADS TO WANT.

Charley—"Gus, what necessities of life deprive many a family of food?"

Gus—"Give it up. As the interlocutor at the minstrel show says, what necessities of life deprive many a family of food?"

Charley—"Meet and drink."

TOO HONORABLE TO DO IT.

Mr. Bulcombe—"Tell me, Harold, if you hear any compliments about me from your sister Emily."

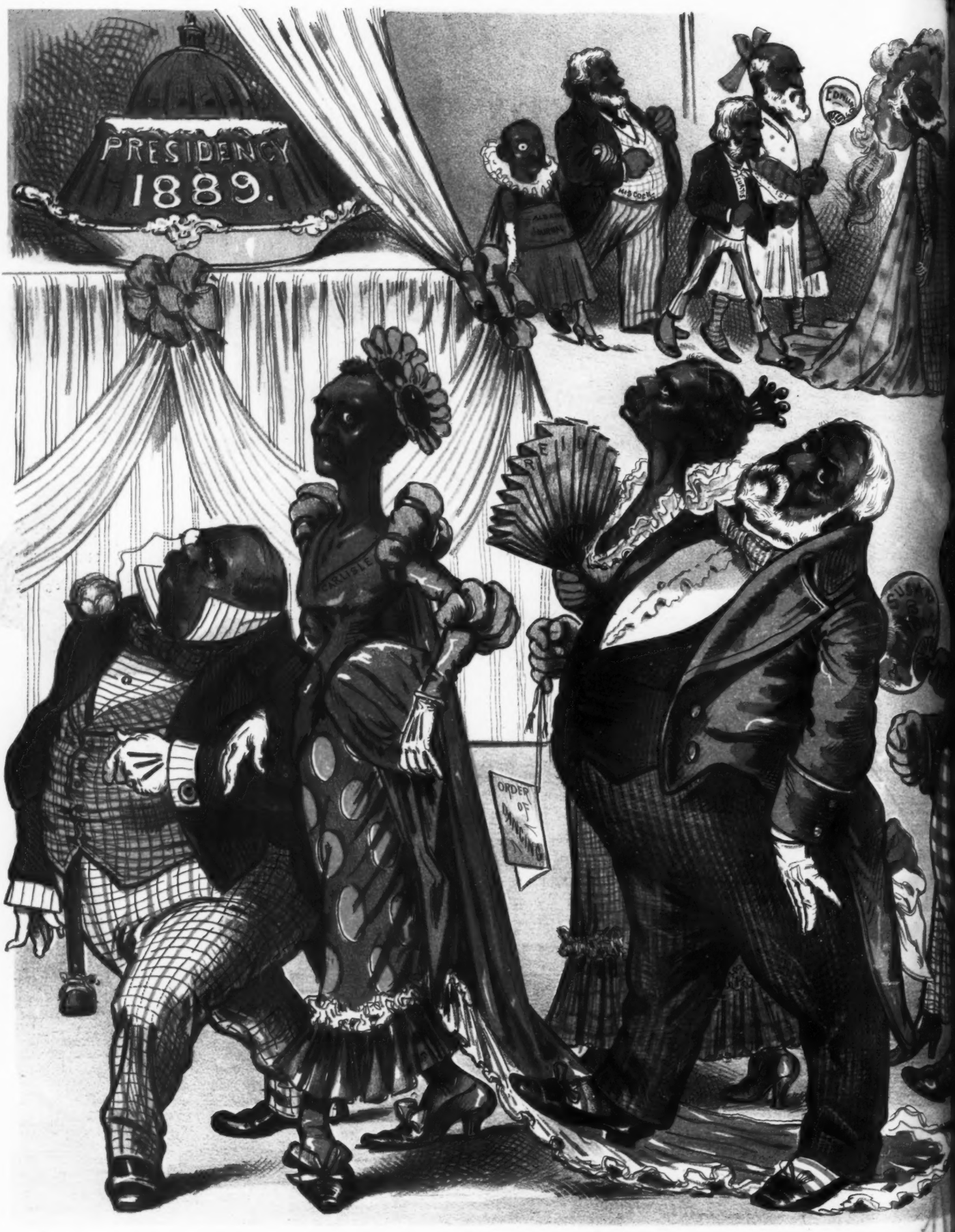
Harold—"O, yes; she said the other day that she didn't think you'd ever set an iceberg on fire."

Mr. Bulcombe—"Of course I couldn't; she knows just where to find me there."

CHILDISH LOGIC.

"There is more real pleasure in giving than in receiving," said a young mother to her boy, trying to instil into his mind generous sentiments.

"True, dear mamma; so I think when you box my ears."



OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN

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IGN R-WALKIN' FUR DE CAKE!

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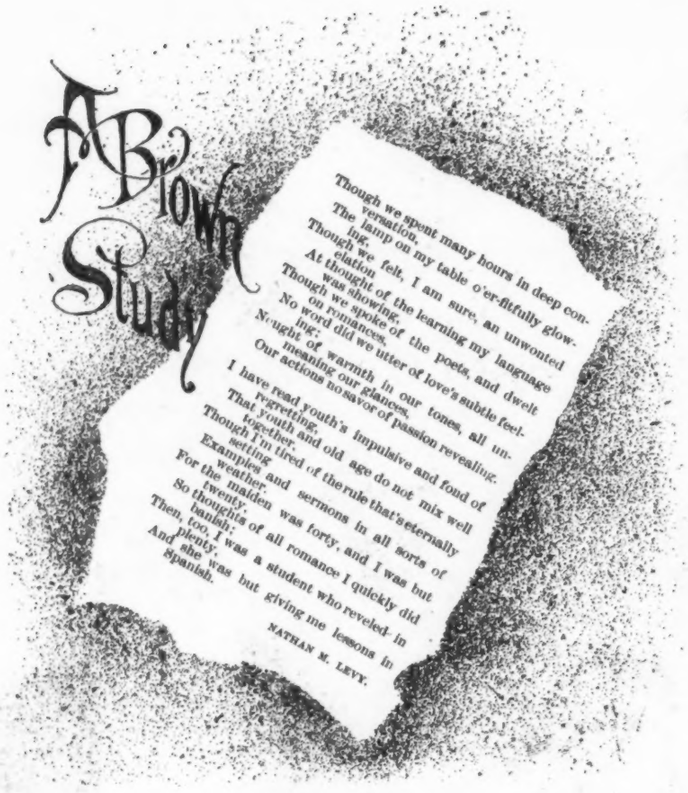


MODERN TITLES.

"Isn't that a new novel you are reading?" inquired the landlady of the new female boarder as they sat in the parlor.

"Yes; 'Silent Struggles.'"

"Oh, I thought it was 'A Deafening Quietude.' It has the same colored cover."

GLORY.

Paddy—"Oi wondher phwat makes Mickey McGonigle so shtuck up now? He won't sphake to a feller."

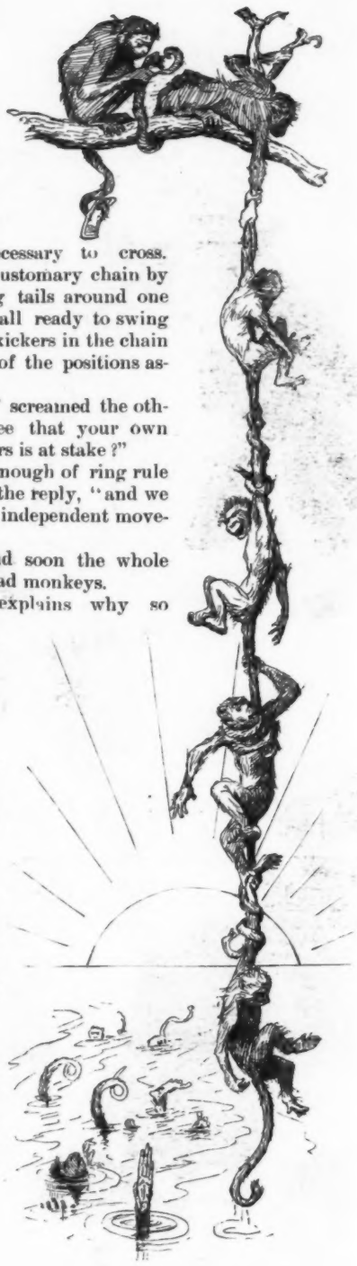
Teddy—"Whisht, Kid. Don't yer know he onct had an interview wid John L. Sullivan?"

Paddy—"No, faith. Whin was that?"

Teddy—"He was shtandin' in the big slugger's way on the soidewalk and Sullivan says to him, 'Git out, ye ragamuffin!'"

JUDGE'S FABLES.

A FABLE FOR STATESMEN.



A colony of monkeys were traveling through one of the South American forests when they came to the banks of a river which it was necessary to cross. They formed the customary chain by twisting their long tails around one another, and were all ready to swing across, when some kickers in the chain complained loudly of the positions assigned them.

"Hold on tight," screamed the others; "don't you see that your own safety as well as ours is at stake?"

"We have had enough of ring rule and bossism," was the reply, "and we propose to start an independent movement."

They did so, and soon the whole river was full of dead monkeys.

Moral—Which explains why so many political parties don't "get there." In union there is strength.

CONSIDERATE.

Between two loafers.

"See, I found a pocket-book this morning."

"And you gave it back?"

"What do you take me for? The owner would then have felt obliged to give me a reward, which would have inconvenienced him and—hurt my feelings."

GETTING IT DOWN FINE.

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To find, alas! thy wooly nap close shorn
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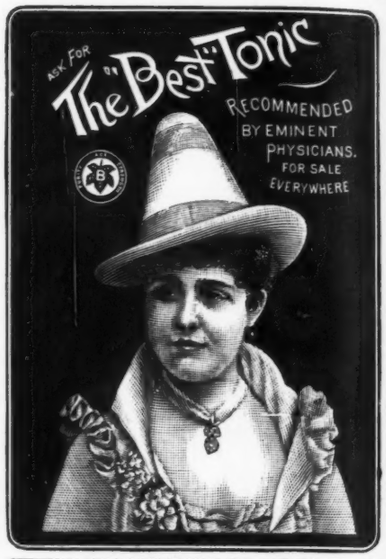

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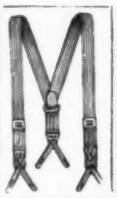

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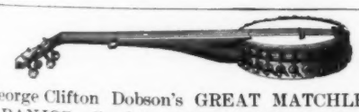

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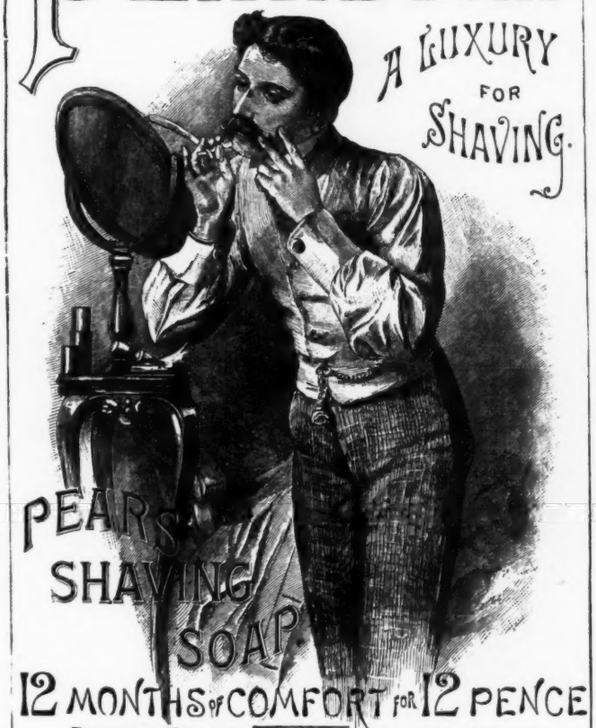

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